**Overburdened Judicial system**

462. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be preased to. state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our judicial system is overburdened with, the cases pending for disposal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that one of anerlemons for pile-up ci these cases i6 centralisation of our system;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to issue guidelines fixing time-limit within which a case has to be disposed of;

(d) whether Government also propose to assign judicial limit beyond which a case is not allowed to be filed; and

(e) if so, by when such guidelines are likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMlPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) In order to consider the problem of arrears of cases in Courts and find out ways and means to deal with it as expeditiously as possible, a meeting of the Chief Ministers and Chief Justices of the High Courts was held on 4th December, 1993, under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister. The reoutions adopted in the Confer- : ence have been commended to all the States/Governments/UT Administrations and High Courts for necessary action. A copy of the Resolutions adopted by the Conference is attached as Annexure (*Sec* Appendix 171, Annexure No. S).

The Administration of Justice has been made a plan item with a view to remove infrastructural bottlenecks coming the way of expeditious dii- posai of cases.

**Transfer or High Conrt Judges**

463. SHRI N GIRI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria/guidelines adopted by Government for transferring High Court Judges from, their original Court tq outside High Court;

(b) the names of High Court Judges transferred trom their original Couitg to outside High Court during the last five years with the respective dates of such transfer, names of original High Court (s) form here transferred, names of High Courts to which trans ferred and the reasons for such transfer in each case;

(c) the names 0f present Chief Justices of the various High Courts along with the details of ther original High Court, the respective dates of their currnet appointment as well as the dates of their retirement Chief Justice-wise; and

(d) the name$_s$ of Supreme Court Judges appointed from North-Eastern States alongwith the respective dates of such appointment a$_s$ well as retirement.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Transfers of Judges from one High Court to another are made on the recommendation of the Chief Justice of India in terms of Article 222 of the Constitution of India.

The Government have accepted as a policy recommendations of the Law Commission in its 80th Report that there should be a convention according to which l/3rd of Judges in each High Court should be from any other State. The Government have decided that this may be implemented either by making initial appointments from outside or by effecing transfers.

(b) The particulars of the sitting puisne/Additional Judges who have been transferred from one High Court to another during the last five years from 22-7-1989 'to 21-7-94 are given in the enclosed Statements I and 11 *(See* below).

(c) The particular, of the Chief Justices of the High Courts are gjvon to the Annexure. *[See* Appendix 171, Annexure No. 9]